

APPROVED MINUTES  
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes:	Regular Meeting of Bicycle Transportation Advisory Commission
Date of Meeting:	February 14, 2005
Time of Meeting:	7:00 P.M.
Place of Meeting:	Milpitas Sports Center Conference Room

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Present: Bill Reisinger, Miljon Buquing, Nawal Stanojevic, Fred Zeise  
Staff: Vice Mayor Armando Gomez, Janice Nadal, Joe Oliva, Jaime Rodriguez

Absent: Rene Briones, Kayci Nguyen

Quorum was established.

**III. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Reisinger announced the Commissioner's Recognition Dinner will be held on April 20, 2005. The invitations have been sent to all commissioners.

Chair Reisinger stated he has been invited to the kick-off of Zero Emission Bus Revenue Service, February 24, 2005, at the Great Mall transit center, 11:30 am. The information is listed on the VTA website, [www.vta.org](http://www.vta.org). Chair Reisinger extended this invitation to BTAC.

Chair Reisinger also announced at tomorrow's City Council meeting (February 15, 2005), the Mayor is going to announce Commission appointments and reappointments. Commissioner Miljon Buquing will be filling a vacancy on BTAC from Alternate #1; Commissioner Kayci Nguyen will move up from Alternate #2 to Alternate #1 and previous Commissioner Eugene Simmons will return as Alternate #2.

Other agenda items are the updated Transportation Position Statements (Cindy Maxwell, City Staff contact). It will indicate the City will pursue alternative projects to the bike/pedestrian overcrossing at Union Pacific (UP) Railroad Tracks. Vice Mayor Gomez stated that this is one of many alternative projects.

Commissioner Zeise asked what alternative projects (besides the UP Overcrossing project) is under consideration. Staff Joe Oliva stated City staff will be working with the VTA to reprogram the funding for the construction of the UP Overcrossing to the Berryessa or the Coyote Creek Trails. Chair Reisinger said the UP Overcrossing, from the last meeting's report, has reached over \$5.5 million, with a \$1million City local match. Chair Reisinger said these topics are on tomorrow's meeting agenda and can be watched on the City's Cable Channel 15 and the live feed on the internet.

Chair Reisinger welcomed Vice-Mayor Gomez to the Commission.

Commissioner Stanojevic asked how long the work on the levee behind Mervyns is going to take. City staff stated this is a Santa Clara Valley Water

District Project . Staff will report back to Commissioner Stanojevic on the progress

**IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

MOTION to approve the February 14, 2005 agenda

M/S: Stanojevic/Zeise All Ayes

**V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

MOTION to approve the minutes of December 13, 2004.

M/S: Stanojevic/Zeise All Ayes

**VI. CITIZEN'S FORUM**

Rob Means, 1421 Yellowstone  
Rob Means discussed peak production of oil as he did in the December 13, 2004 meeting. In last Sunday's (February 13, 2005) San Jose Mercury Newspaper, the *Perspective* section, Paul Erdman, the economist discussed peak oil depleting within 5 years causing serious consequences particularly in this country since we are so dependent on oil.

**VII. TOPICS**

**Report on Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements**

***Personal Rapid Transit***

Rob Means stated Commissioner Zeise requested that this item be continued from the December BTAC so he could do further research on PRT. Mr. Means drafted a grant proposal to collect \$50,000 for the PRT Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The EIR draft is currently in review. Mr. Means stated he has already received pledges to fund the EIR process.

Mr. Means is asking BTAC to be making a recommendation to the City Council to approve PRT over the UP Railroad Tracks.

Commissioner Zeise said it certainly seems less expensive than the UP Pedestrian Overcrossing project, however the scheduling of any funds commitment should be pushed out until there is an economic recovery if a major portion of it is coming from the City. Commissioner Zeise is conflicted of the diversion of the funds from the UP Overcrossing to the to the Berryessa Creek trails. Mr. Oliva clarified the funds were Tier 1 Bicycle funds for bicycle and pedestrian projects and it can only be used for that. Ms. Nadal added that these projects the City is proposing to be transferred to were already listed on the VTA's Bicycle Grant list as a Tier 2 project.

Commissioner Zeise would like to see a cost-comparison data from the PRT EIR. Though this seems to be an effective way to providing access over the Union Pacific Railroad, it will also be a real City of Milpitas demonstration project, creating quite an attraction. Mr. Means states the cost-comparison would not be in the PRT EIR.

Chair Reisinger agreed with Commissioner Zeise that this project is an attraction. The technology and operations seems like an amusement park ride. It would be a good draw for the Midtown Specific Plan to transport from the new library to City Hall. To use the technology to cross two railroad tracks,

Chair Reisinger questions the operation, security, and it's prone to vandalism. Chair Reisinger states he is not comfortable bringing this item to the City Council without citing examples of operating projects in other parts of the country.

Mr. Oliva states there are a couple of development proposals in the Waukesha area (former American Transformer business, Piper Drive and Montague Expressway) with potential between the development proposals and BART.

Chair Reisinger announces there is a February 22, 2005 Transit Sub Area Plan public meeting at the Fire Station Training Room (Main Street and Curtis Avenue) to discuss future development in the area adjacent to the BART project.

Chair Reisinger entertained the Commission to provide a motion to advance PRT to the City Council to endorse.

Mr. Oliva stated the City will be completing the environmental process for the UP Overcrossing project, but will not fund the construction. If, at some time, the City chooses to pursue this, they have the environmental clearance to continue onto construction.

The Commission did not motion to forward recommendation of PRT to the City Council.

#### **Report on Safety**

*There were no agenda items for this topic. The Commission took this opportunity to ask staff questions on current safety-related topics in the City.*

There were no reports on Safety.

Ms. Nadal introduced Jaime Rodriguez, Principal Transportation Planner for the City's Traffic Engineering Department, replacing Arlene Deleon. Mr. Oliva also added that Mr. Rodriguez comes from the City of San Jose and brings a lot of expertise in traffic operations.

#### **REPORT ON PUBLIC AWARENESS**

##### **Bike Map on the City's Website Update**

Alan Rich, from Information Services was not able to attend due to a family emergency. By next month, Mr. Rich is hoping to email to all BTAC members a link to the City's website where the Bicycle map is.

Chair Reisinger also requested the updated Commission Members and meeting minutes be also updated on the City's Website. Also the meeting time was incorrectly listed on the SVBC newsletter and request staff to update.

##### **Future Bicycle Education Outreach Projects**

Commissioner Briones was not available to report on the Boy Scouts participation at the Fourth of July Parade.

Chair Reisinger stated at the April meeting, Bike Month and Bike to Work Day in May will be discussed. Chair Reisinger requested a proclamation for Bike Month/Bike to Work Day be presented the first meeting at the first City Council Meeting in May.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **BTAC By-Laws Review- Chair and Vice-Chair Election**

Commissioner Stanojevic nominated Bill Reisinger to be Chair of BTAC. Commissioner Zeise seconded.  
All Ayes

Commissioner Stanojevic nominated Commissioner Fred Zeise as Vice-Chair of BTAC. Commissioner Buquing seconded.  
All Ayes

### **Naming of the new Library honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Cesar Chavez**

Vice Mayor Gomez reported the City Council received a report from the Facility Naming Subcommittee for the new library. The Subcommittee was tasked to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and /or Cesar Chavez, but mainly recommending the library to be named Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. City Council is asking if the Commissions are amenable to the new library name. Ms. Nadal stated that from staff, another possibility is to name rooms of the library after Milpitas citizens or a Cesar Chavez Room.

Chair Reisinger asked if there are any rules on naming branches. The San Jose State Library is also named after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., but is separate from the Santa Clara County Library system.

Chair Reisinger recommends the naming of the new library as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commissioner Zeise also recommends a Cesar Chavez Room. Chair Reisinger also wants the Library Naming Subcommittee to remember other ethnicities in the community as well.

### **Amendment to the Bicycle Master Plan**

City Staff Jaime Rodriguez reported that staff is looking to extend bicycle lanes in the City- Evans Road and Calaveras to Calle Oriente where Evans turns to Jacklin Road is planned to be extended.. This is a part of a resurfacing project which is on the City Council agenda tomorrow, February 15, 2005. Staff would like to link all the bike lanes through the City. Part of the same resurfacing project is on McCarthy Boulevard from Montague Expressway to Bellew. Staff will have more details at the next BTAC meeting. Mr. Rodriguez states that bike lanes, as part of Abel Street, along with the Streetscape Master Plan will also be shared with the Commission at the next meeting. Chair Reisinger is concerned because there will be a lot of traffic on Abel between Calaveras and Great Mall with all the new development (KB Homes). Abel

Street is a major commuter route from San Jose to the North. Chair Reisinger requested plans to be brought to the next meeting. Mr. Oliva also stated administratively, there will be an amendment to the Bikeways Master Plan and a General Plan Amendment. Staff will present to BTAC and request forward to Council.

Commissioner Zeise requested if there was a cheap way to install a pedestrian push button with the traffic lights under I-680 on Jacklin Road. This would allow bicyclists to travel during heavy traffic. Mr. Rodriguez stated the State owns the traffic light but would be happy to pass along the recommendation to the State from BTAC.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

M/S: Stanojevic/Zeise All Ayes

## ASSIGNMENT SHEET

**Chair Reisinger**

No Assignments

**Commissioner Briones**

Request Boy scouts attendance at the Fourth of July parade (from December 13, 2004 BTAC Meeting

**Janice Nadal**

- Update the City's BTAC website to reflect the new changes of Commission Members and meeting minutes
- Contact Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition to update the newsletter to reflect the correct day for Milpitas' BTAC meetings
- Submit a Proclamation for Bike Awareness and Bike to Work Day in May.